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TO: Home Health (34) Provider Letter A-111

RE: HCPCS Cross reference on claims and Prior Authorization (PA)

Dear Kentucky Medicaid Provider:

This letter is to inform you of changes which will be effective with services and supplies provided in the Home Health program on December 1, 2008 and after.

Previously, DMS implemented claims processing changes on September 1, 2007 which required Home Health providers submitting claims for revenue code 270 and 279, to include identifying HCPCS codes and descriptions for the individual supply items. Providers were notified of this change through HH Provider letter A-107.

Effective December 1, 2008 claims received by EDS for payment of home health services, supplies and nutritional supplements, provided on that date and after, will be cross referenced with PA approval for the claim. Providers should ensure that only those services, supplies and nutritional supplements that have received PA are submitted on claims for payment. Providers may access the DMS website at www.chfs.ky.gov/dms and click on covered services, then scroll down and click on Home Health services, for the web page that lists appropriate Home Health supplies and nutritional supplements.

PA's approved for supplies or nutritional supplements **prior** to December 1, 2008, for up to ninety days, will be cross referenced on claims for the individual HCPCS item or revenue code 270 or 279; the claim will pay when a match is found. After the ninety day period, only those services, supplies and nutritional supplements that have been granted PA will be reimbursed. Providers should follow all procedures currently in place for submission of claims for payment.

Providers should expect to see, for possibly up to 90 days, mixed PA's on prior authorizations that were already in effect on the date of implementation. A mixed PA can be defined as having supply revenue codes of 270 or 279 ALONG with HCPCS codes. Any

NEW PA's that are generated on or after December 1, 2008 will have supply/supplemental nutritional items identified by HCPCS codes only. Once this system change has been implemented, PA letters and PA's online will look significantly different. Supplies and supplemental nutritional products will be shown as approved by HCPCS codes instead of rolled-up into revenue code 270 or 279.

This change will help providers to reconcile what HCPCS codes are prior authorized by matching the PA letter with the Daily Activity Report (DAR). This matching of the PA to the DAR will be useful to providers when completing claims information for payment.

Thank you for the services that you provide for the Medicaid recipients of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. If you have questions or concerns about Home Health policy, please contact Betty Murphy or Ellenore Callan at 502-564-5560 or email them at Betty.Murphy@ky.gov or EllenoreC.Callan@ky.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth A. Johnson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Elizabeth A. Johnson
Commissioner

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